

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

July 21, 2015

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 8:33 a.m. in the UW-Extension conference room 1C at the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Behl called Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Darrell Pollesch, Gerald Adelmeyer and Ed Nelson. Annette Thompson was absent.

Also, present: Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Co-Department Head, Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Agent and Co-Department Head, Bonnie Borden, Youth Dairy & Livestock Agent, Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator, Lauren Pfaffenroth, 4-H Summer Intern, Cassandra Meyer, Youth Dairy & Livestock Summer Intern, Russ Kottke, Chairman and Jim Mielke, County Administrator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Adelmeyer to approve minutes for Tuesday, June 16, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

None

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Pollesch, seconded by Nelson to approve the regular meeting per diems.

REVIEW OF BILLS Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for June 2015.
- b. Discussion and update on the Crops & Soils Ag Agent position

Hoffman reported that there is no change in status; with that informed the Committee that Elsie Gonzalez has resigned, Behl read her resignation letter. Last day will be August 31, 2015. Hoffman/Witzel have requested from Madison to consider Dodge County to have (1) full-time AG position instead of having a Crops/Soils shared position with Fond du Lac and filling the Dairy/Livestock position.

The Committee made a motion to pursue (1) – 100% full-time general Ag Agent for Dodge County. Letter to be sent to Matt Hanson and Dave Williams. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Adelmeyer to pursue full-time Ag Agent.

- c. Discussion and update on the hiring of a Wisconsin Nutrition Education Coordinator

Carroll reported that the screening took place on July 10, 2015 and had 18 strong applicants and 5 of those applicants will now move on to the preliminary interviews which will take place via Skype, Google Hangouts, etc. on August 7, 2015. The final interviews will then take place in person. The candidate that is hired will determine which county their office will be housed in; either Dodge or Columbia. After that process is complete they will move forward with posting/hiring a Nutrition Educator.

- d. Discussion and consideration on the Dodge County Budget Control Policy resolution

Kottke reported on the proposed Budget Control Policy that they will be discussing at

tonight's County Board meeting. Overall the County wants to do budgeting by department and if this passes – departments will be able to move monies within a fund vs. having to go through several steps to get it approved. This would take effect for 2016. The County Board Supervisors will vote on it at the County Board Meeting.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Hoffman: Hoffman shared the work he is facilitating on the proposed buffer ordinance. He talked about the positive nature of the workgroup meetings, how his process is focused on generating ideas and improving the understanding of the issue. He commented that the groups have generated good information, and a list of potential solutions to reduce the sediment runoff. He commented how the meeting on Wednesday is designed to move solutions forward.

Witzel: Witzel shared facebook photos and video clips from camp. We had Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch, UW System Board of Regents President Regina Millner and Chancellor Cathy Sandeen visited UW-Extension's Upham Woods and the Dodge County 4-H Camp. They sang the Wisconsin Milk song with the group and learned a little more about 4-H camp. Using facebook was something different this year and parents shared positive comments that they appreciated knowing what was happening especially since some of the county had bad weather during camp. Summer Intern Lauren Pfaffenroth also reported to the committee. She talked about Wild Wacky Weekdays, the Summer Day camps that have more Dodge County youth attending than in past years.

Carroll: Carroll reported that she has been getting referrals from different agencies in the county for parenting and financial education. With those referrals there is a time commitment to teach one-on-one, however it fills a need in the county. Carroll reported she will be busy in July and August with the recent referrals. Carroll reported that she is in the process of fall program planning. Lastly Carroll reported that her work group was selected to present at the all state conference scheduled in November.

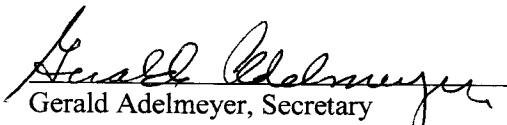
Borden: Borden stressed the importance of the message she carried and shared with participants at 3 of the 4 Area Animal Science Day events held throughout the state in June on "Ag Advocacy". The public around us do not understand agricultural practices and terminology and our youth can help by reaching out with animal care messages as the public visits at the county fair. Borden shared that July 22 is the day for the annual "Ag Day Escape" where 38 participants along with "Alice in Dairyland" will visit 6 businesses around Dodge County and gain insight regarding agriculturally related careers than may interest them in the future. Pre-fair preparation has begun and along with her summer intern, has them both very busy.

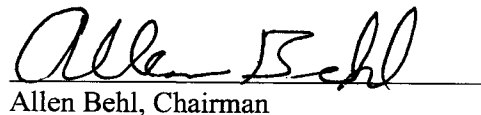
COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, August 25, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was motioned by Nelson and seconded by Pollesch to adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman